issued to the State Governments to ensure that fertiliser is sold to the farmer at the notified price. Shortfalls in supply, if any, in any area is met by arranging additional supply of the materials from alternate sources.

Allocation of Palmolein to Southern States

*160. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern States have requested for allocation of palmolein oil for distribution through Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The import of edible oils has been suspended for the present due to foreign exchange constraints. As and when the import of edible oils are resumed, the allocation of edible oils to States/UTs including Southern States for distribution through Public Distribution System will be made.

Cottage at Dalhousie where Poet Rabindranath Tagore lived

512. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Snowdon Estate at Dalhousie where the Poet Rabindranath Tagore used to live during summers was taken over by the Defence Department which dismantled even the cottage in which the poet lived and barred entry to the estate to admirers of the Poet; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to restore the cottage as a national monument?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Snowdon Estate, Dalhousie, measuring 10.6175 acres, was acquired by Ministry of Defence in April, 1987 for locating a Defence Project. The Cottage where Poet Rabindranath Tagore used to live has not been demolished. It is properly being maintained. However, entry to this area is restricted due to security reasons. There is no proposal to declare the Cottage as a national monument.

The Cadre of Principal Private Secretary

513. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cadre of Principal Private Secretary (in the pay-scale of Rs. 3000-4500) under the Central Secretariat Stenographer Service, continues centralised under the control of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions as clarified by them in their O.M. No. 5/12/89-CS II, dated 11th May, 1989;

(b) whether the duties and functions of Principal Private Secretary to Secretary have since been defined so as to allow them a scope for further promotion in the mainstream of the Central Secretariat Service;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the Principal Private Secretaries are assigned work with appropriate level officers in different Departments/Ministries; and

(d) if the reply to any of parts (a) to (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures, if any, proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Private Secretary's Grade (Rs. 3000-4500) since designated as Principal Private Secretary, was created on the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission to provide satisfactory promotional avenues to members of Central Secretariat Stenographers Service by upgrading the posts of Stenographers attached with the Secretaries to Government of India and officers of equivalent rank without changing the duties and functions performed by them. Principal Private Secretaries are nominated by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to various Ministries/Departments participating in Central Secretariat Stenographers Service for posting with officers of appropriate level. Actual posting is done by the concerned Ministry/Department keeping in view the administrative exigencies.

Promotion of Khadi/Small Scale Industry in Orissa

514. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a scope to promote Khadi, Small Scale and Cottage industry in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction during the last three years; and

(c) the specific plan drawn up for the 8th Five Year Plan to promote such industry in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) Khadi & Village Industries Programmes are implemented in Orissa through State KVI Board, as well as registered institutions and cooperatives, directly aided by KVIC/KVIB. The implementing agencies are being encouraged by KVIC for implementation of its programmes, keeping in view the potentialities and availability of infrastructure facilities. During the last three years, funds for khadi and village industries programmes, in the State of Orissa, have been disbursed as shown below:-

	(Rs. in crores)
1987-88	3.08
1988-89	3.16
1989-90	4.80

8th Five Year Plan proposals have not yet been finalised.

515. [*Transferred to 13th Sept.*, 1991]

Setting up of Food Processing Units in Assam

516. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider for setting up of a food processing unit in Assam in view of the availability of raw material;

(b) whether any decision has already been taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up directly any food processing industry in the States. However, this Ministry has formulated several plan schemes under which assistance is provided to the State Governments, Cooperative Societies, Public Sector Undertakings, etc. for development of food processing industries in different States. Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd., an undertaking under the administrative control of this Ministry, is setting up a Pineapple Juice Concentrate Plan at Silchar in Assam.